DWeb Focus Group Facilitation Template

Latest draft of the Principles

Introductions (10 min)

May I record this session?
Name, location, affiliation, pronouns, how you got involved in DWeb issues?

Preface (5 min)

- Identify a common destination, but not a shared path
    - Not have to agree on doing things the same way, but trying to reach similar aims
    - On the other hand, the way you build technology undeniably shapes it
- Internet Archive has played a role of being a facilitator and convener of diverse projects
- We have N number of people here, please try to speak 1/nth of the time

Discussion

- What are your thoughts about the Principles as they stand currently?
- Where do you want the DWeb community/movement to be in 10 years?
    - What are some concrete features of that community you'd like to see?
- What are some essential, specific commitments that you'd like DWeb projects to fulfill?
- How do you imagine people applying these principles?
    - First, we would ask organizations/projects to endorse them
    - Ex. Linking to them on their website; Encouraging collaborators to sign on

Follow-up Questions

- Big tent vs. being too exclusive — Where do we draw the line of what is "DWeb" and what is not?
    - Is there a benefit to having a hard line on certain issues?
    - Operating with resource constraints — What are the acceptable tradeoffs?
- What would it look like for a project to "follow" or "endorse" these Principles
- How do you see these Principles and discussions around them shape the DWeb?
    - Will projects be more sustainable, inclusive, equitable for instance?
- What are the provocative issues?
    - Sources of funding? Ownership/governance structures?

Closing

- Next steps
    - Conducting other focus groups until mid-November
    - Aim to have a new working document by end of November
    - Work on a manifesto statement
- How would you like to stay involved?